

# WIRESHARK BANDSTEERING

Filtro para encontrar tramas con 802.11v BSS Transition Management Requests y Responses:

```
wlan.fixed.action_code == 7 || wlan.fixed.action_code == 8
```

Enlace para descargar captura realizada y WLAN Pros Master v2 perfil para Wireshark:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lt4lgkmtypewi9/AACndpnsTsT\\_zDt1D-b8lpbea?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lt4lgkmtypewi9/AACndpnsTsT_zDt1D-b8lpbea?dl=0)

Y acá está la grabación de la sesión:

<https://thewifiofthings.com/130a-sesion-de-tess-en-wi-fi-wlpc-medellin-bss-transition-mgmt-interferencia-5ghz-wireshark/>

DOCUMENTO DE BSS IEEE.

[https://www.google.com/url?](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjEi5ql3IKEAxVdfjABHZ0TAfwQFnoECA8QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2FFCAE%2FWLAN%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2Fdoc%2F802.11-2012.pdf&usg=AOvVaw0AD2qBEda2pvRN8vm5Jay6&opi=89978449)

[sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjEi5ql3IKEAxVdfjABHZ0TAfwQFnoECA8QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2FFCAE%2FWLAN%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2Fdoc%2F802.11-2012.pdf&usg=AOvVaw0AD2qBEda2pvRN8vm5Jay6&opi=89978449](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjEi5ql3IKEAxVdfjABHZ0TAfwQFnoECA8QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2FFCAE%2FWLAN%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2Fdoc%2F802.11-2012.pdf&usg=AOvVaw0AD2qBEda2pvRN8vm5Jay6&opi=89978449)

```
((((wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x00) || (wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x01) ||  
wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x02 || wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x03 ||  
wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x04 || wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x05 ||  
wlan.fixed.action_code==7 || wlan.fixed.action_code==8 || wlan.fc.type_subtype  
== 0x0B || wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x0A)))&&(((wlan.sa==78:6a:1f:4f:48:00) &&  
(wlan.da==16:fe:92:67:dc:e7)) || ((wlan.da==78:6a:1f:4f:48:00) &&  
(wlan.sa==16:fe:92:67:dc:e7)))
```

<https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/472071741>

```
wlan.fixed.bss_transition_status_code == 7
```

Then the more important is a BSS Transition Status Code. The value in the figure is 7. Check the protocol. 7 means: Reject-No suitable BSS transition candidates. To sum up: AP sent a BSS Transition Management Request, suggesting that STA cut to another BSSID: 50:64:2b:b5:80:7e, but STA refused, believing that there

was no suitable candidates.

### BSS Transition Management Response

相对来说，response帧的内容就少了很多，

> Frame 4525: 33 bytes on wire (264 bits), 33 bytes captured (264 bits)

> 802.11 radio information

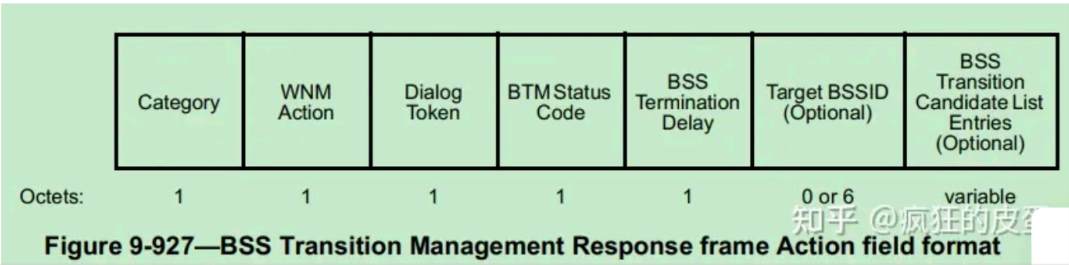
> IEEE 802.11 Action, Flags: .....C

> IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management

- Fixed parameters
  - Category code: WNM (10)
  - Action code: BSS Transition Management Response (8)
  - Dialog token: 0x08
  - BSS Transition Status Code: 7
  - BSS Termination Delay: 0

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直接看协议中的规定，如图：



**Table 9-428—BTM status code definitions**

Status code	Status code description
0	Accept
1	Reject—Unspecified reject reason.
2	Reject—Insufficient Beacon or Probe Response frames received from all candidates.
3	Reject—Insufficient available capacity from all candidates.
4	Reject—BSS termination undesired.
5	Reject—BSS termination delay requested.
6	Reject—STA BSS Transition Candidate List provided.
7	Reject—No suitable BSS transition candidates.
8	Reject—Leaving ESS.
9–255	Reserved

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The client can answer to this transition request with a positive response. In this case the status code 0 means that this transition was accepted:

IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
Fixed parameters
Category code: WNM (10)
Action code: BSS Transition Management Response (8)
Dialog token: 0x0a
<b>BSS Transition Status Code: 0</b>
BSS Termination Delay: 0
BSS Transition Target BSS: 69:69:6a (69:69:6a)

**Image 4**

<https://www.clearToSend.net/cts-211-a-look-into-802-11v/>

If the AP transmits a BSS Transition Management Request frame with the Disassociation Imminent field set to 1, the Disassociation Timer field in that Request frame will be set to 0 or set to the number of TBTTs that will occur prior to the AP disassociating the station.

Depending on what the station receives from the AP within the BSS Termination field, it will send a BSS Transition Management Response frame with a status code.

The status code can be any of the following, but Status Code 0 is an Accept:

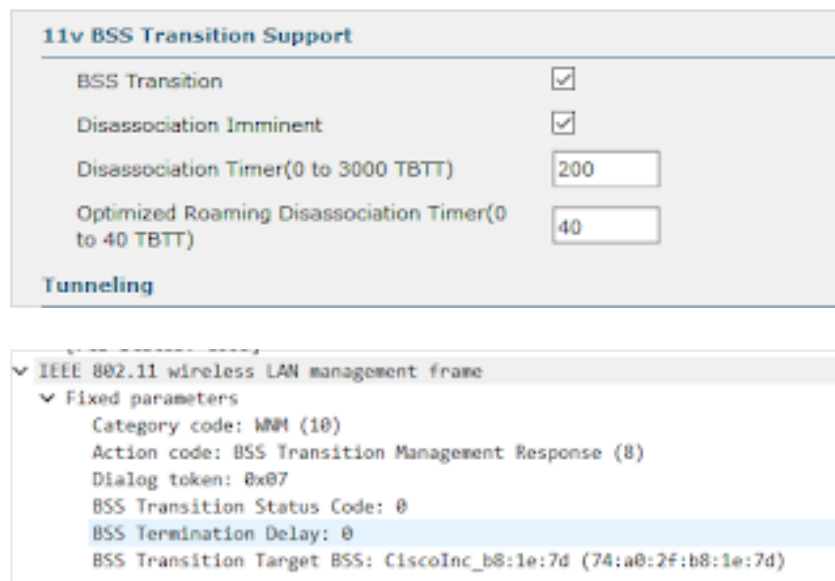
## Wireshark Filters

- Find out if my SSID supports 802.11v: wlan.extcap.b19 == 1
- Find all Wireless Network Management frames: wlan.fixed.category\_code == 10
- Find BSS Transition Management Query: wlan.fixed.action\_code == 6
- Find BSS Transition Management Request: wlan.fixed.action\_code == 7
- Find BSS Transition Management Response: wlan.fixed.action\_code == 8

<https://mrncciew.com/2014/10/11/802-11-mgmt-deauth-disassociation-frames/>

[http://giantsnerdwifi.blogspot.com/2016/11/cisco-11v-bss-transition-management\\_7.html](http://giantsnerdwifi.blogspot.com/2016/11/cisco-11v-bss-transition-management_7.html)

The client responds with a BTM response frame, shown below.



The key items to look for here are that the "BSS Transition Target BSS" matches the BSSID given in the BTM request, and that the values for the Dialog token field match.

## BSS transition management

802.11v BSS Transition Management Request is a suggestion given to client. Client can make its own decision whether to follow the suggestion or not. The disassociation of a client **can be forced if disassociation-imminent function is enabled**. It disassociates the client after **a period of time if the client does not re-associate to one of the suggested APs**.

802.11v BSS Transition is applied to these four scenarios:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless-mobility/wireless-lan-wlan/201015-802-11v-Basic-Service-Set-BSS-on-AireO.html>

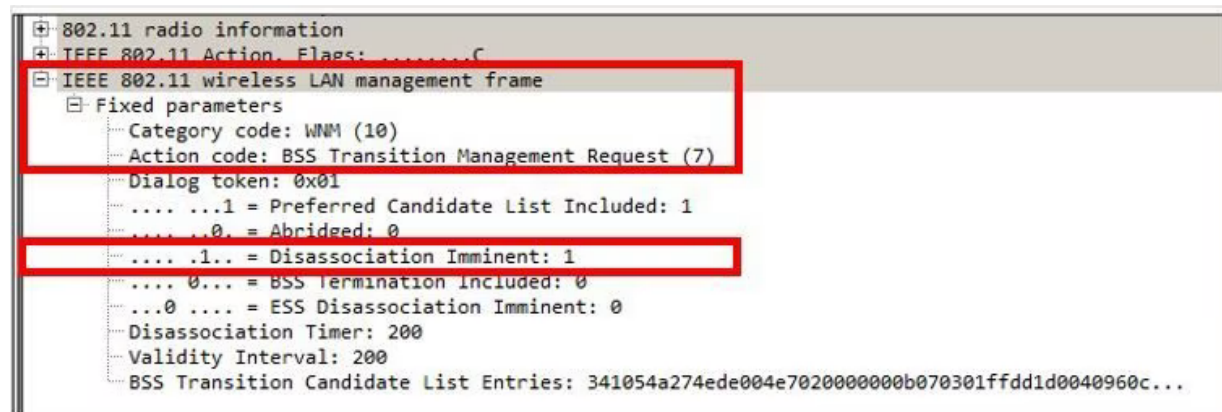
### Disassociation Imminent

Within a BSS transition Management Request, Disassociation Imminent field can be added. This function is to disassociate the client after a period of time if the client does not re-associate to another AP.

When unsolicited optimized roaming request is triggered, the AP sends a BSS Transition Management Request to the client and wait for a certain period (time configured under Optimized Roaming Disassociation Timer), if the client does not roam to a better AP within that period of time, then the AP completes the disassociation of the client.

When Unsolicited Load Balance request is triggered, the AP sends a BSS Transition Management Request to the client and wait for a certain period (time configured under Disassociation Timer), if the client does not roam to a less congested AP within that period of time, then the AP completes the disassociation of the client.

Example of a BSS transition management frame with Disassociation imminent enabled:



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The Disassociation Timer indicates the time after which the AP issues sends a Disassociation frame to the STA or the AP affiliated with the AP MLD sends a Disassociation frame to the non-AP STA affiliated with this non-AP MLD. The Disassociation Timer field contains the number of beacon transmission times (TBTTs) until the AP sends a Disassociation frame to the STA or the AP affiliated with the AP MLD sends a

Disassociation frame to the non-AP STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD. Setting the field to 0 indicates that the AP has not determined when it will send a Disassociation frame to this STA or the AP affiliated with the AP MLD has not determined when it will send a Disassociation frame to the non-AP STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD. If the Disassociation Imminent field is (#17768)equal to 0, the Disassociation Timer field is reserved. The format of the Disassociation Timer field is shown in Figure 9-1154 (Disassociation Timer field format).

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/14828991/>

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doc.: IEEE 802.11-09/1299r1

### Behavior Changes (3):

#### **Time before disassociation is at least 30 seconds**

- **After the first BSS Transition Management Request frame sent to a non-AP STA with Disassociation Imminent field set to 1:**
  - The Disassociation Timer field is a number of TBTTs that is at least 30 seconds or “0” (disassociate time not decided yet)
  - AP keeps a countdown timer starting with the Disassociation Timer value (if it is not “0”) or a number of TBTT at least 30 seconds (if Timer is “0”)
  - Countdown timer is decremented by 1 with each beacon transmitted
  - In any subsequent BSS Transition Management Request frame sent to this non-AP STA, the Disassociation Timer shall be set to the value in the countdown timer

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless-mobility/wireless-lan-wlan/>



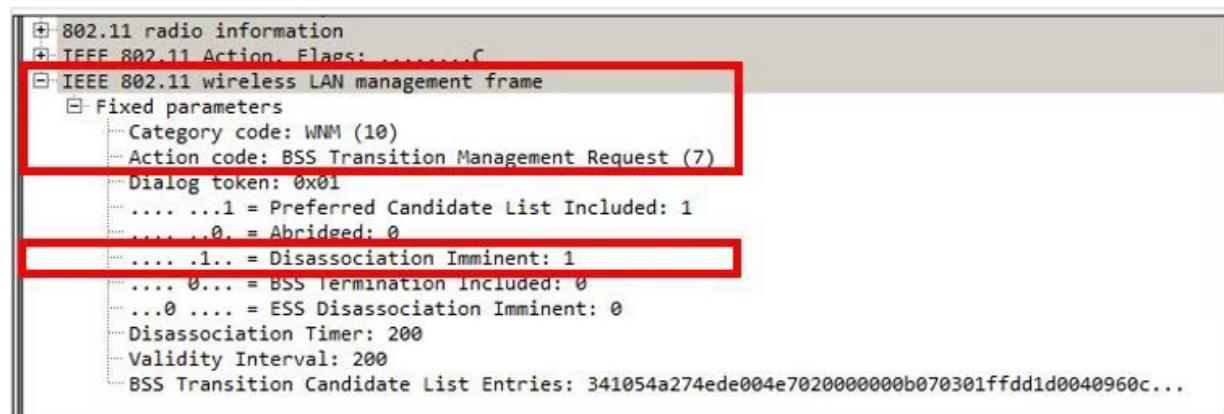
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Example of a BSS transition management frame with Disassociation imminent enabled:



### BSS Transition Management Response

After a wireless client has received a BSS Transition Management Request, it can or cannot send a BSS Transition Management Response. If the client transitions to another AP it sends it with status code Accept, but if it plans to stay on the same AP due to several reasons it sends it with status code Reject plus the reason of rejection.

### Example of a BSS Transition Management Response frame

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60272 12:16:06.114913 Apple_58:95:0a CiscoInc_e8:32:70 BSS Transition Management Response

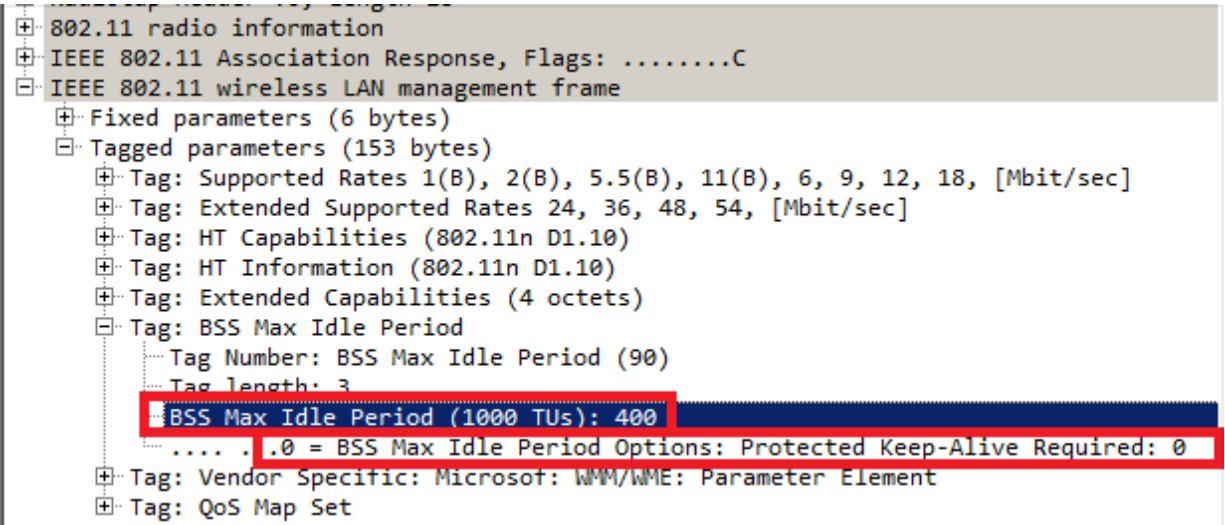
> Frame 60272: 51 bytes on wire (408 bits), 51 bytes captured (408 bits) on interface 0
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 18
> 802.11 radio information
> IEEE 802.11 Action, Flags: .....C
> IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN management frame
  > Fixed parameters
    Category code: WNM (10)
    Action code: BSS Transition Management Response (8)
    Dialog token: 0x0c
    BSS Transition Status Code: 1
    BSS Termination Delay: 0
```

In this example the wireless client rejects the AP candidate list and does not roam to a different AP. The status code 1 shows the reason why the client leaves the ESS. For full list of status code definitions consult Table 8-253 of IEEE 802.11-2012.

**BSS Max idle period: wlan.bss\_max\_idle.period**

When an AP no longer receives frames from a wireless client for a certain period of time it assumes the client left the network and it disassociates it. The BSS Max idle period is the amount of time an AP can keep a client associated without have to receive any frame (client can remain sleep). This value is informed to the wireless client through the association and re-association response frame. This allows the clients to remain asleep for a longer time and save battery power. BSS Max idle period only appears in association-response or re-association response frames





The BSS Max Idle Period is specified in units of 1000 TUs (Time units). Every time unit is equal to 1.024 milliseconds

Idle timeout = 1.024 x BSS Max Idle Period = X seconds

In the example frame:

Idle timeout = 1.024 x 405 = 414.72 seconds

If the Protected Keep-alive Required bit is set to 1, it means that the wireless client must send a RSN protected frame to the AP in order to reset the Idle Timer. If it is set to 0, as this example, the wireless client can send any type of frame (protected or unprotected) to reset the Idle timer at the AP.

- **The Disassociation Timer indicates the time after which the AP will issue a Disassociation frame to this STA. The Disassociation Timer field is the number of beacon transmission times (TBTTs) until the AP sends a Disassociation frame to this STA. A value of 0 indicates that the AP has not determined when it will send a Disassociation frame to this STA. If the Disassociation Imminent field is 0, the Disassociation Timer field is reserved. The format of the Disassociation Timer field is shown in Figure 8-476.**

**MENSAJES VISTOS EN EL BSS QUERY ENVIADO EN OCASIONES DESDE LOS DISPOSITIVOS CLIENTE AL AP.**

## olicited Request

Wireless client sends an 802.11v BSS Transition Management Query before they roam for a better option of APs to re-associate with.

### Example of a 802.11v BSS Transition Management Query

1093	2.515163	CiscoInc 3a:0f:...	CiscoInc 7d:d9:10	802.11	BSS Transition Management Query
Frame 1093: 50 bytes on wire (400 bits), 50 bytes captured (400 bits) on interface 0					
Radiotap Header v0, Length 18					
802.11 radio information					
IEEE 802.11 Action, Flags: .....C					
IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN management frame					
Fixed parameters					
Tagged parameters (2 bytes)					
0000	00000000	00000000	00010010	00000000	00101110 01001000 00000000 00000000 .....H..
0008	00010000	00000010	10000101	00001001	10100000 00000000 11101011 00000101 ..... ..
0010	00000000	00000000	11010000	00000000	00111010 00000001 01111100 00001110 ..... .  .
0018	11001110	01111101	11011001	00010000	11000100 01111101 01001111 00111010 .}...}0:
0020	00001111	01011100	01111100	00001110	11001110 01111101 11011001 00010000 .\ ...}..
0028	11100000	11110010	Category	Action	DialToken QReason 00110001 10001001 .....1.
0030	01110101	01001111			u0

1093	2.515163	CiscoInc 3a:0f:...	CiscoInc 7d:d9:10	802.11	BSS Transition Management Query
Frame 1093: 50 bytes on wire (400 bits), 50 bytes captured (400 bits) on interface 0					
Radiotap Header v0, Length 18					
802.11 radio information					
IEEE 802.11 Action, Flags: .....C					
IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN management frame					
Fixed parameters					
Tagged parameters (2 bytes)					
0000	00000000	00000000	00010010	00000000	00101110 01001000 00000000 00000000 .....H..
0008	00010000	00000010	10000101	00001001	10100000 00000000 11101011 00000101 ..... ..
0010	00000000	00000000	11010000	00000000	00111010 00000001 01111100 00001110 ..... .  .
0018	11001110	01111101	11011001	00010000	11000100 01111101 01001111 00111010 .}...}0:
0020	00001111	01011100	01111100	00001110	11001110 01111101 11011001 00010000 .\ ...}..
0028	11100000	11110010	00001010	00000110	00000110 00010000 00110001 10001001 .....1.
0030	01110101	01001111			u0

QReason means BSS Transition Query Reason, which is the reason why the client requests the candidate AP list. In this example the client sent a reason 16, which correspond to Low RSSI. For full list of transition query reasons consult Table 8-138 of IEEE 802.11-2012.

**Table 8-138—Transition and Transition Query reasons**

Transition Reason value	Description
0	Unspecified
1	Excessive frame loss rates and/or poor conditions
2	Excessive delay for current traffic streams
3	Insufficient QoS capacity for current traffic streams (TSPEC rejected)
4	First association to ESS (the association initiated by an Association Request message instead of a Reassociation Request message)
5	Load balancing
6	Better AP found
7	Deauthenticated or Disassociated from the previous AP
8	AP failed IEEE 802.1X EAP Authentication
9	AP failed 4-Way Handshake

**Table 8-138—Transition and Transition Query reasons (continued)**

Transition Reason value	Description
10	Received too many replay counter failures
11	Received too many data MIC failures
12	Exceeded maximum number of retransmissions
13	Received too many broadcast disassociations
14	Received too many broadcast deauthentications
15	Previous transition failed
16	Low RSSI
17	Roam from a non-IEEE 802.11 system
18	Transition due to received BSS Transition Request frame
19	Preferred BSS transition candidate list included
20	Leaving ESS
21–255	Reserved

The Transition Result field contains the result of the attempted transition and is one of the status codes specified in Table 8-37 in 8.4.1.9.